SUBJECTS.

The need for certain irrigation works in the Trivandrum taluk.

Mr. K. Achuthan Pillai, B. A., B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) referred to the Thonnakal Scheme and said that he had learnt that the Engineer had been on the spot and made some investigations and that a report had been submitted by the Tahsildar on the subject. The Member wished that, if any scheme was to be set on foot, it should be taken up at an early date.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the canals known as Karippan Thoombu, Kanjikuzhi and Velloor for purposes of irrigation.

Mr. Mathew Alexandriose (Member, Kottayam taluk) said that the canals known as Karippan Thoombu, Kanjikuzhi and Velloor, which were fed by the Meenachil river, were the chief irrigating and fertilizing agencies for the Vadavathoor and Natagam fields. Sufficient use could not be derived from these just now, as they were silted up. If these were deepened and the silt removed, the cultivators of the place would be greatly benefited.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the canals from the Kulakkada river to the Thodiyil backwater and the Parayankara branch of the same river.

Mr. N. G. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) represented that the two canals branching off from the Kulakada river, the only river in the taluk, one northwards to the *punja* fields at Chennithalai, and the other southwards to the *virippu and mundakan* fields at Pallikal and other places, had become silted up. The people were consequently put to great loss for want of water and convenience in manuring, the fields. The Member pointed out that the northern branch of the Parayankara canal, was ordered to be improved by G.O. No. 4426 P. W, dated the 3rd July 1910, but nothing had been done as yet in that direction. The improvement required was only to the extent of 1½ miles, at probably a cost of Rs. 5,000, but owing to the want of this, the loss sustained annually by the ryots was very heavy, 2,700 acres of paddy land having failed in their crops. The southern branch was a canal from Arattukadavu to the Thodiyil backwater, and this also had become quite useless for irrigation. At present water had to be collected in a poramboke, 350 acres in extent, for irrigating the lands in these parts. If the canal was opened up, many acres of land lying fallow at present could be brought under cultivation and all waste lands would be registered for cultivation. The Member prayed that orders be issued for opening the two aforesaid canals without delay.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Construction of the Kuttipuzha canal.

Mr. Uthuppan Thoma (Member, Changanacheri taluk) said that the Kuttipuzha canal, which at present was narrow and was of little use to the public, if opened up and

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